

SENATE RESOLUTION 23

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Doug Warner, the
Germantown Lions Club 2008 Citizen of the
Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is Doug Warner, who was recently named Citizen of the Year by the Germantown Lions Club in recognition of his many years of community involvement; and

WHEREAS, in his role as an employee of Pfizer and outside the office as well, Mr. Warner has exhibited an aptitude for leadership, a gift for working with his hands, and a sincere willingness to help those in need; and

WHEREAS, with other congregants of the Germantown United Methodist Church, where he has been a faithful member for some time, Doug Warner has helped sponsor and build twenty-nine houses for Habitat for Humanity over the last twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, along with his labor, Mr. Warner has lent his considerable leadership talent to Habitat, serving for two terms on the Board of that esteemed charitable organization; and

WHEREAS, the primary delivery man for donated furniture and accessories, he has helped to fill the homes and warm the hearts of new Habitat homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Doug Warner has worked with Mountain TOP (Tennessee Outreach Program) for twenty-two years, leading teams of participants in making over fifty trips; and

WHEREAS, Mountain TOP is an interdenominational mission dedicated to a rural life ministry in the State's Cumberland Mountains; program participants work to meet the physical,

spiritual, emotional, and social needs of local residents, while participants develop leadership skills as they work to improve the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Warner organized a fundraising and renovation effort to improve the Peabody cabin, enjoyed by Mountain TOP participants for its indoor plumbing and relative comfort; and

WHEREAS, working with other members of his Sunday School class, Mr. Warner has developed a steady stream of charitable funds for Mountain TOP and Habitat: every year at the Germantown Festival, they operate a booth that sells non-alcoholic strawberry daiquiris and piña coladas to thirsty festival-goers; and

WHEREAS, Doug Warner has found his skills particularly helpful in the difficult aftermaths of natural disasters such as Hurricanes Ivan, Katrina, and Rita; he has led eleven different groups of volunteers to the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Austin, Texas, and Pensacola, Florida, to help in recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Warner was instrumental in packing and delivering six trucks and a trailer full of supplies for refugees on their way to Memphis from Houston, after the latter had been struck by Hurricane Rita; and

WHEREAS, throughout the joyous times and the trying times, Doug Warner has drawn strength from his wife and three children, and Mr. Warner has worked to instill in his children that spirit of charity and selflessness that has animated so much of his own life; and

WHEREAS, Doug Warner epitomizes the vision and steadfastness that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Doug Warner for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and the people of the Gulf Coast, congratulate him upon being named the Germantown Lions Club Citizen of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.